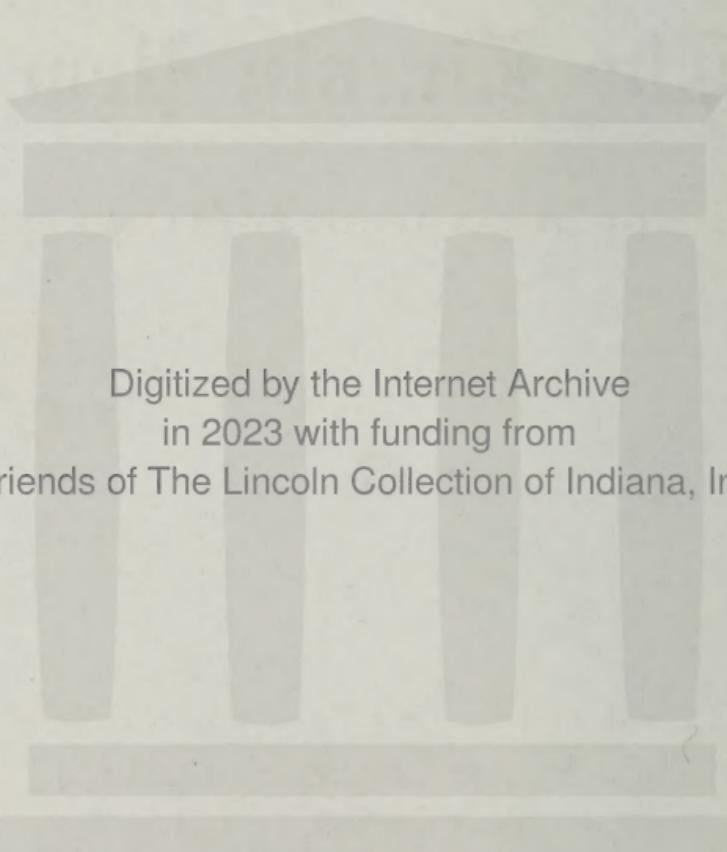


# The Lincoln Pew

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[President Lincoln's Pew is in the New  
York Avenue Presbyterian Church  
of Washington, D. C.]



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**W**ITHIN the historic church both eye  
and soul

Perceived it. 'Twas the pew where  
Lincoln sat—

The only Lincoln God hath given to men—  
Olden among the modern seats of prayer,  
Dark like the 'sixties, place and past akin.  
All else has changed, but this remains the  
same,

A sanctuary in a sanctuary.

Where Lincoln prayed!—What passion had  
his soul—

Mixt faith and anguish melting into prayer  
Upon the burning altar of God's fane,  
A nation's altar even as his own!

Where Lincoln prayed!—Such worshipers  
as he

Make thin ranks down the ages. Would'st  
thou know

His spirit suppliant? Then must thou feel  
War's fiery baptism, taste hate's bitter cup,  
Spend similar sweat of blood vicarious,  
And sound like cry, "If it be possible!"  
From stricken heart in new Gethsemane.

Who saw him there are gone, as he is gone;  
The pew remains, with what God gave him  
there,

And all the world through him. So let it  
be—

One of the people's shrines.

are first bands should see 10000  
bands were set out to 10000

—men or boys that best know the place well  
say they have not given up  
this task early because not all three  
old stations with their friends and only the

opposition to it continues.

but yesterday night—They are about 10000  
now and united together have done well  
and expect to take government all round  
town and so now into the hands

revolutionists now.—They are about 10000  
now and united together have done well  
but not been ready. They are about 10000  
now and united together have done well  
and expect to take government all round  
town and so now into the hands

; now is it to give the credit with the others  
and every body knows them. We are not  
to be afraid, and, especially those who live here